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4. Candidates:

July 25-31: Candidates must file their applications and supporting documents.

August 2: The list of candidates will be posted for the first time.

August 3-5: Complaints concerning the qualifications of candidates will be received by the Local Election Council.

August 7-9: The Council will examine the complaints.

August 10: By this date at the latest the Council will invite all candidates to a meeting to inform them of the registration of their names on, or elimination of their names from, the list of candidates.

August 11-13: Complaints by candidates concerning the registration of names on, or elimination ofnames from, the list of candidates, must be received by the Local Election Council during this period.

August 16: The list of candidates and dossiers of complaints must be received by the Central Election Council by this date at the latest.

August 20: The Central Election Council will send the candidates' dossiers which it has examined to the Ministry of the Interior, to arrive by this date at the latest.

August 22: The complete list of qualified candidates will be sent to the Province Chief of Quang Nam and the Mayor of Saigon by this date at the latest.

August 23: The list of candidates will be posted for the second (and final) time.

5. Electoral Campaign

August 17: Each candidate must inform the local authorities of the name and address of his representative on the Electoral Campaign Committee by this date at the latest.

August 23: The Electoral Campaign Committee will be convened by the Province Chief or Mayor for the first time on this date at the latest.

August 24: By this date at the latest candidates must submit to the Electoral Campaign Committee their symbols or pictures for the printing of posters, leaflets and ballots.

August 28-Sept. 7 (12 noon): The official electoral campaign will take place.

6. Counting of Votes and Announcement of Results

September 5: The location of polling places must be publicly announced by this date at the latest.

September 8: Election will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 9-11: Complaints by voters and candidates concerning election irregularities must be submitted to the Local Election Council.

September 12: The Local Election Council will examine and decide concerning all irregular ballots or ballots concerning which there have been complaints, and also count the ballots, and announce the results not later than this date.

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7. Complaints and Criminal Accusations

September 11: Complaints must be filed with the Court of First Instance by this date.

September 8-18: The court may reach a verdict no sooner than the earlier date and must reach a verdict by the latter date. Any appeal must be made within three days.

October 1: The Court of Appeals must deliver a verdict by this date at the latest. Any appeal must be made within three days.

October 9: The Supreme Court must render a verdict by this date.

October 10: A copy of the judgement must be sent to the Lower House by this date at the latest.

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1. IT IS UNFORTUNATELY TRUE THAT THE GVN IMAGE ABROAD HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE HONOLULU. GVN EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER MORE OF THE WAR BURDEN, REDUCE CORRUPTION, IMPROVE GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY, ORGANIZE POLITICALLY, AND PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM AGAIN INVADING THE NATION'S CITIES HAVE ALL GONE FORWARD STEADILY, BUT THEY HAVE NOT CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD PRESS. FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US, THE TRIAL OF TRUONG DINH DZU AND THREE STUDENT LEADERS (ONE OF WHOM WAS ACQUITTED WHILE ANOTHER MAY GET A NEW TRIAL) HAS COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED THE RELEASE OF THOUSANDS OF PERSONS FORMERLY UNDER ILLEGAL DETENTION. THE ACTION AGAINST SONG NEWSPAPER IS, OF COURSE, NEWS, WHILE THE CONTINUED FREEDOM OF THE VIETNAM PRESS TO CRITICIZE THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT GOES UNREPORTED. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS IS DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME BUT I UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR TRYING TO DO SO AND ONLY URGE THAT WHAT WE ASK OF THE GVN BE KEPT WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF POLITICAL REALITY AS WE SEE THEM HERE.

2. THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME USEFUL PUBLIC MOVES WHICH THE GVN MIGHT TAKE AT THIS POINT TO DRAMATIZE FIRMESS TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. WE PROPOSE TO RAISE THIS MATTER IN A GENERAL WAY DURING OUR AUGUST 16 CONSULTATION WITH THE GVN, IN WHICH WE HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF FOLLOW-UP HONOLULU. IN PARTICULAR WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A FRESH GVN PUBLIC

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